

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed June 18, 2004, the Examiner imposed a restriction requirement pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121, alleging that the instant application presented two distinct inventions, as follows:

- I. Claims 1-6, 14-17, and 22-24, drawn to method for content representation and query formulation, classified in class 707, subclass 4.
- II. Claims 7, 8-13, and 18-21, drawn to method for word stemming and query refining, classified in class 707, subclass 5.

The undersigned representative hereby elects Group I, Claims 1-6, 14-17, and 22-24, without traverse. The undersigned representative reserves the right to file a divisional application for the remaining Group and claims. Should the Examiner determine that any further action is necessary to place this application into better form, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned representative at the number listed below. In addition, if any additional fees are required in connection with the filing of this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the same to Deposit Account No. 501458.

Respectfully submitted,

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